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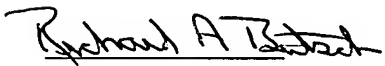
In re Application of : DECISION ON PETITION
Alon Shalev et al : TO MAKE SPECIAL
Serial No. : 10/753,882 : (ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)
Filed : January 9, 2004 :
For : Method and Apparatus for Stimulating the :
Sphenopalatine Ganglion to Modify Properties of the
BBB and Cerebral Blood Flow

This is a decision on the petition filed May 13, 2004 to make the above-identified application special. The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications – accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, item VIII.

The requirement for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record ; and (e) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Since all of the requirements for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference and appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt *bona fide* effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.


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